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February 9, 2011

TO: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF COMMERCIAL SOLAR POWER INSTALLATION
PERMITS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting held February 9, 2011, during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Blaine Dehmlow addressed the Board regarding the possibility of allowing permits for commercial solar power installation projects, similar to those allowed for residential installations. During the discussion, Supervisor Antonovich requested you to report back on comments made by Mr. Dehmlow.

Enclosed are a "Request to Address the Board" form filled out by Blaine Dehmlow, and a copy of the transcript to assist you in preparing your response.

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Enclosures

c: Each Supervisor
Director of Public Works

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1 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDER EFERRED. WE NOW GO TO
2 PUBLIC COMMENT.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, BEFORE YOU CALL UP THE PUBLIC
5 SEEKERS, ON ITEM CS-1, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WOULD LIKE
6 TO REQUEST A CONTINUANCE OF TWO WEEKS ON THAT ITEM? MOTION BY
7 YAROSLAVSKY. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CS-1. OKAY. BLAINE, BOBBY COOPER? PATRICK
10 O'ROURKE. ANTONIA RAMIREZ?

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12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BLAINE. THANK YOU TO THE
13 BOARD FOR TAKING THE TIME FOR HEARING OUR PUBLIC COMMENTS. I
14 APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE. I WANTED TO REPORT EVIDENCE OF AN
15 ECONOMIC BRIGHT SPOT HAPPENING HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
16 RECENTLY I'VE BECOME INVOLVED IN A COUPLE PROJECTS INVOLVING
17 INSTALLING SOLAR POWER. AND IT'S COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT THE
18 COUNTY HAS A FANTASTIC WEBSITE WHERE HOMEOWNERS AND
19 CONTRACTORS CAN GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF
20 PUTTING SOLAR ON THEIR HOMES AND IT'S A FANTASTIC IDEA AND WE
21 SEE IT WORKING AND WE SEE IT BEING VERY HELPFUL. THE OTHER
22 ISSUE HERE IS THAT THERE'S A POSSIBILITY FOR A HOMEOWNER OR A
23 CONTRACTOR WHO WANTS TO DO A SOLAR INSULATION TO GET A ONE-DAY
24 PERMIT. THERE'S A VERY SLEEK EFFECTIVE SYSTEM FOR GETTING US
25 THROUGH YOU THE PROCESS. SO THAT HELPS OUT A BUNCH, TOO.

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1 RECENTLY I WAS INVITED TO A CLASS PUT ON BY THE COUNTY AT THE
2 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON UNDERSTANDING CODE ENFORCEMENT. AND
3 I WAS, FRANKLY, SURPRISED, NOT THAT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT IS
4 ACTUALLY THAT INTERESTING, BUT THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS IT
5 CREATED A REAL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE INTENT OF THE CODE IS
6 AND IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE INSTRUCTORS AND CONTRACTORS THAT
7 WERE THERE. ALL TOGETHER WE PUT THIS TOGETHER FROM OUR
8 PERSPECTIVE AND MY PERSPECTIVE I LOOK AT IT AS A KIND OF
9 ECONOMIC BRIGHT SPOT. THE ONE QUESTION I HAD REGARDING THIS IS
10 SINCE SOLAR POWER IS SUCH A BRIT SPOT AND HAS SUCH POTENTIAL
11 FOR THE COUNTY AND FOR THE NATION, IS THERE GOING TO BE ANY
12 FORTHCOMING CONSIDERATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL SOLAR INSTALLATIONS
13 THAT CAN RECEIVE THE SAME KIND OF FAST TRACK AND STREAMLINED
14 PERMITTING PROCESS? THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LARGE PROJECTS THAT
15 ARE PENDING IN THE COUNTY AND I'D JUST BE CURIOUS TO KNOW IF
16 THERE'S GOING TO BE ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT MAKING THOSE PERMIT
17 PROCESSES AS CLEAN AS THEY ARE FOR THE RESIDENTIAL SITE.
18 THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION. LET US FOLLOW-UP ON THAT. I'LL
19 HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THAT
20 BECAUSE IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS. IT'S
21 GOING TO HELP US REDUCE COSTS, HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT. BUT WHAT
22 APPLIES TO THE RESIDENTIAL OUGHT TO APPLY TO COMMERCIAL
23 BECAUSE THE SAVINGS BENEFIT THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

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